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## CONGRESS TO-DAY.

SENATE.—Mr. SMITH presented the credentials of the Hon. ISAAC TOUCHEY, recently elected a Senator from Connecticut, for the period of six years. He qualified and took his seat.

Several petitions were presented, and other matters disposed of, when the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the deficiency bill.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The House is not in session to-day.

## MR. CLAY.

The following despatch appears in the Baltimore papers of this morning:

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Mr. Clay is no worse to-day, and hopes of his recovery are entertained. Mr. Clay passed an uncomfortable time last night, but is better to-day. We know not upon what authority the above statement is made. The hopes expressed may be well founded; but our confidence in the recuperative energies of an aged person in his condition is not very strong. Still let us hope.

## MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

The Union of this morning is eloquently pathetic on the subject of General Scott's views—or the non-revelation of them, rather—on the subject of the Compromise; and Mr. Botts is the guilty person who has so excited its sentimentality.

The whole pith of what the Union communicates on this head, however, is embraced in the following sentences:

"That there may be no mistake about the meaning of Mr. Botts when he commends General Scott to the favor of Virginia, he tells us, in another part of his letter, that, 'under the circumstances' mentioned, he (General Scott) has come to the conclusion that the true course for him to pursue is, to publish nothing, unless he shall be nominated.' This is to say, that in order to get the nomination, Mr. Seward and his party must be permitted to represent General Scott as opposed to the Compromise, whilst Mr. Botts and his allies in the South will be declaring all the time that directly the reverse is the truth."

"This is to say," such thing, as the editor of the Union surely must know.

"To publish nothing unless he shall be the nominee," we are told by Mr. Botts, is the determination of General Scott. Now the nomination of a candidate will be the act of a convention comprising intelligent representatives from the body of the people in each Congressional district of the United States. These representatives are to assemble at Baltimore for the specific purpose of naming the Whig candidates for the office of President and Vice President. All questions legitimately therewith connected are familiar to these delegates. Whether to declare the views of the convention upon certain questions, or to make no declarations thereon, will be determined in the first place by the convention; and if resolved affirmatively, what declarations to make is within the discretion of the convention. Its free volition is, therefore, important to the healthfulness and harmony of the Whig party; and its actions should not be anticipated or embarrassed in any particular. A platform is the fashionable name for such declarations as the convention may choose to make.

What is required of General Scott by his Democratic and Whig enemies? Simply that he shall not await the determination of the convention, but that he shall lay down a platform for it; that he shall anticipate its resolves, and make a declaration of his views upon either more or less of the subjects claimed to belong legitimately to his position than that convention may desire.

We think that a decent respect for the great national party of which he is a member forbids such a course; and that the only wise and just policy for him to pursue is, to acknowledge the right of no person or persons, other than that body, to demand a public proclamation of his opinions.

If there is a single subject of public interest in views upon which are not clearly known to every intelligent citizen of the republic, a full and frank avowal of those views may be demanded by the Convention; and if that body regards it as conducive to the welfare of the party to reaffirm the articles of its political creed, Gen. Scott's concurrence in such declaration must accompany his acceptance of the nomination.

Should internal improvements, retrenchment, and protection to agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, be deemed by the Convention matters of paramount importance, it will avail but little for Gen. Scott to respond that he has already revealed himself upon the *Compromise*; and should the *Compromise* be raised by the resurrectionists for his endorsement, it will avail but little for him to point to his written opinions on the tariff. All, as we humbly conceive, that he can do in good faith toward his collaborators is, to approve or disapprove of those matters that they unitedly believe to be the legitimate issues between the two great parties of the republic. To do less than this would be discourteous and unbecoming; while to do more would be to transcend the prerogative of his position, as the chosen leader of the Whigs of the country, and to assume the attitude of a dictator.

We speak of General Scott as the candidate of our party, and of his acts in that position—of his public and formal acts. His life is an open volume, and his intercourse with his fellow-citizens is ever frank, ingenuous, and without guile. No man has ever approached him and sought in vain to learn his views upon any public subject. There is not in Washington, this day, a well-informed Whig or Democrat, (and who is a truthful and candid man, who does not know and acknowledge that General Scott's views on the particular question the Union has in view are as orthodox as those of any public man in the republic. The editor of the Union himself knows this; and if he would testify, would so declare. But it should matter little to him, if he thinks with his late worthy associate, who, after six months' cajoling to provoke General Scott to make a publication of his opinions, finally declared that such a publication, whenever made, could not influence his mind in regard to the General's position! These are lovers of light and knowledge, truly!

A pleasant day this, though the sun is not shining.

## Good Advice.

We quote the following remarks from the Brooklyn Daily Advertiser, a Whig journal of good tone and temper, which goes for the nominee, but prefers Mr. Fillmore first of all. Should this extract not please some who may read it, we beg them to remember, firstly, that we have neither made them, what they are, nor penned this description of them:

THE INTEREST OF THE WHIG PARTY.—In working for the interest of our party we should be careful to employ those means which will most rapidly promote them. Let us not be deceived by those in our own ranks who have before deceived us; for there is a vital danger in trusting any man who, in violation of the confidence that has been placed in him, has secretly worked with the opposition by endeavoring to carry out his own narrow-minded views or personal aggrandizement. If a man publicly renounces a political position in consequence of his discovery of its error, he may be trusted, because the honorableness of the act is a guaranty of his integrity. But each man, whatever may be his station in life—whatever may be his circumstances—no matter how poor or how rich—should so perform his public and private duties as to suffer his fellow-citizens to discover him practicing deceitfulness. Deceitfulness and treachery are almost synonymous terms: the man who is guilty of the former, practices the latter.

Those who are not for the party, heart and soul, and will not forego private and sectional feelings for the good of the whole, must be against us, and therefore the sooner they are read out of the Whig ranks the better. Every good and true Whig will bear and forbear, give and take, with those who have been tried in the cause, for the benefit and success of the object.

We therefore call upon every Whig to beware of the enemy, particularly those in their midst. Let them be perfectly satisfied that their organizations are free from deceitfulness, corruption, and treachery; that every man who has sneakingly forsaken his colors and ignobly deserted his standard may receive the reward due to his acts and character. Let those who pretend to be supporters of the Whig cause, and yet endeavor to subvert its basis of operations, be laid upon the shelf to be looked upon and despised. The Whigs are strong in this country. Let them work together as Whigs, triumph as Whigs, or be defeated on their own ground.

## A Speech to the Point.

As we have very often commended brevity as an essential beauty in eloquence, no one will question our sincerity in commending the following, given by Mansfield, in his life of General Scott, denominated his Log Speech at Queenstown Heights:

"At this period the British force was estimated—regulars, militia, and Indians—at not less than 1,800, while the Americans were reduced to less than 300. Retreat was as hopeless as success, for there were no boats on the Canada shore, and the militia on the other side refused to give them aid. Scott took his position on the ground they then occupied, resolved to abide the shock, and think of surrender only when battle was impossible. He mounted a log in front of his much-diminished band. 'The enemy's balls,' said he, 'begin to thin our ranks. His numbers are overwhelming. In a moment the shock must come, and there is no retreat. We are in the beginning of a national war. Hull's surrender is to be redeemed. Let us then die in hand. Our country demands the sacrifice. The example will not be lost. The blood of the slain will make heroes of the living. Those who follow will avenge our fall and their country's wrongs. Who dare to stand?' 'All' was the answering cry."

## The Wind is Shifting.

The Baltimore American of yesterday says that "not long since the Washington Union was frequent and emphatic in its assurances that the prompt approval of the Democratic National Convention would be given to the Compromise adjustment; and it took occasion to exult with much complacency at the rupture which took place in the Whig Congressional Caucus on account of this very Compromise question. We take notice now, however, that the Union is entirely silent on the subject. No more assurances are forthcoming; a sudden cessation of utterance seems to have been induced either by an authoritative rebuke from some quarter or other, or by an alarming consciousness of having said too much already, and more than will be made good."

## Senator Downs, of Louisiana.

The Union, a few days since, contained an ably-written and judicious biographical sketch of General Solomon O. Downs, one of the Senators from the State of Louisiana. General Downs has been named by some of his numerous friends as a suitable person to fill the second office in the government. This gentleman is a Democrat of the old panel of the Jackson school. His political career has been distinguished for ability, boldness, and unwavering consistency. No man deserves distinction at the hands of his party more than this high-souled gentleman—this able and influential Democrat.

## The New York City Delegates.

The morning papers state that four Fillmore and two Scott Whigs have been selected. The selections consist of two Fillmore, two Webster, and two Scott delegates. Who the second choice of the Webster delegates will be known anon!

An Industrial Congress is to be held in Washington on the 23d of June. This is a veritable fact, and no satirical intimation that our present Congress is not industrial. The editor of the Providence Mirror is to be a delegate, and a lady is named as his alternate. We hope he may come to see us at some other time. He shall be always welcome, and the more so for letting the lady come this time.

The New York Evening Post (Democratic Freehold) raises its voice against any endorsement of the Compromise measures in the Baltimore Convention. The experiment, it says, "will be attended by disastrous results." What has the Union to say on this head?

Carus's festival last night passed off admirably. Everything was beautiful, and every body delighted.

The New York Morning Star advocates the claims of Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency. So old Buck is now safe!

Ole Bull is giving concerts in Philadelphia.

The New York Day-Book says it will oppose the election of General Scott if he gets the Whig nomination for the Presidency.—Exchange.

That backs the old hero out! The contest is ended. Yet all who intend to play the same game should have the manliness to avow it. We respect the frankness of the Day-Book. Are there any Whigs now silent who mean to prove "RECKLESS?" Let us all know.

Lola Montez wrote from Albany to her friend in New York: "I will never stop at a Temperance house again. It contains nothing but bed-bugs and Bibles."

We knew "the ardent" to be death to the lodgers, but did not know its effect on the bed-bugs before. Quite a valuable discovery. Recipe: To destroy bed-bugs, give them a taper to feed on.

Excellent.

## Finality.

The Washington correspondent of the Louisville Courier says:

"GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT, the noble, the ever-victorious, patriot chieftain, from early manhood to the present time, has hazarded his life, his health, and his personal comfort, in defending the rights and honor of his countrymen; he is the hero of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Chapultepec, and of the city of the Montezumas; he has led his fellow-soldiers through the dangers, the hardships, and the privations of Indian wars, amidst the swamps of Florida and the cholera upon the Mississippi; he was the active and vigilant commander and successful peace-preserver on the Canada frontier during the 'patriot war,' and he was the skilful 'Pacificator' during the Northeastern Boundary difficulties; in a word, his whole life has been so prominently characterized by acts of heroism, consummate generalship, successful peace-making, and peace-preserving, and devoted patriotism, that the fact cannot be disguised or changed—he is the people's favorite. He is the first choice of a large majority of the Whigs of the Union—and it is his name which will call forth impulsive shoutings and popular jubiliations. With his name inscribed upon the banners, a triumphant victory is 'inevitable.' This, in my humble judgment, is the finality of the Whig Presidential preferences, and of the approaching Presidential campaign."

(From the Cincinnati Gazette.)

## Oceania.

A large number of the islands in the Pacific are thus called. There are three great divisions—Australia, Malaysia, and Polynesia. Australia comprehends Australia proper, New Guinea, Van Diemen's Land, &c., mostly in British possession. Malaysia comprehends Borneo, Sumatra, Java, the isles of Japan, &c. Polynesia embraces the Sandwich Islands, the Caroline Islands, the Friendly Isles, the Ladrone, the Marquesas, the Society Islands, and thousands of others, making the numerous groups found in the Central Pacific.

Circumstances are about to give this portion of the earth a novel and important interest. Many of these groups, such as Australia and Japan, have within them extensive gold mines, which will soon excite the cupidity of the European race. In addition to this, our own country has been seized with a sudden ambition to adventure in that region, and enlarge in those parts the bounds of American commerce. We sent the exploring expedition there, and actually, according to the reports, discovered a new land—the Antarctic Continent. Then we are sending ships with a very polite letter to the Emperor of Japan, requesting him to take it as a morning call, and desiring a further acquaintance with his interesting family.

Besides all this, we literally go a "wool-gathering" there. We import some millions of pounds of wool from the Pacific, to say nothing of that inspiring, delightful plant—tea. In fact, it is plain we are about to make a more intimate acquaintance with the islands of the Pacific; and how can it be otherwise? Our clipper-ships have got in a way of making the voyage in ninety days, which used to take six months. Our steamers go in almost no time, and soon we shall make a gigantic railway, whose cars will chase the setting sun to his bed in the West. We are opening a new chapter in the world's history, and there is room enough in the Pacific islands for a very full and interesting chapter. We began with the Sandwich Islands, and completely revolutionized their commerce, their manners, and morals. Yesterday we began California, and to-day it is a late—a young empire. We shall soon make other revolutions more startling than any yet known. But, in the meantime, what is Oceania in its magnitude and characteristics? We give the following statistics of that country from the most authentic sources:

	Sq. Miles.	Population.
Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, &c.	278,500	11,000,000
Australia, Van Diemen's Land, &c.	3,000,000	500,000
Sandwich Islands, &c.	1,400,000	130,000
Empire of Japan, &c.	8,100	25,000,000
Philippines, Morina, &c.	38,000	2,600,000
Other Islands	1,000,000	5,000,000
Total	2,907,600	41,130,000

This gives about fourteen persons to a square mile, in rich countries and mild climate, where twenty times that density of population may be easily supported. The entire population of the earth might very easily live well and happily in the islands of the Pacific. This illustrates the general fact that the earth has hardly yet begun to be inhabited as it might be in a high state of the social arts and Christian civilization. If all the islands of the Pacific were densely populated as Japan now is, they would contain four hundred millions of people. Japan is comparatively civilized; but savage life, which prevails among the natives in many of the islands, admits of a very slow growth in population; in some cases it actually dies out.

The immense quantities of gold found in Australia will rapidly bring immigration to that country, as it did to California. When there they will find there are many other resources which will draw and sustain an agricultural people.

In the Gallipagos islands, west of Panama, coal is said to be found in great abundance, thus opening our steamships to supply themselves conveniently to make the voyage of the Pacific. This fact, taken in connection with the railroad over the isthmus, will go far to establish a great steam route in that direction. So, also, there will probably soon be one from Oregon, where coal is also found. Steam lines across the Pacific, from the western coast of America, will go far to make great revolutions in commerce, and open the resources of Oceania to the use of civilized man.

MINNESOTA.—A correspondent of the Albany Register, writing from Minnesota, says: "It is a singular fact that the ordinary birds and songsters so common in old settlements, and also the honey-bee, unknown here before, have migrated here with civilized man. The Indians say that the rattlesnakes follow in his wake also. Be that as it may, while they are numerous further down the Mississippi, they have not yet made their debut into this locality. In the neighborhood of Sauk Rapids, however, some have been killed, where, it is said, they were never seen till recently."

EXTRAORDINARY WAKEFULNESS.—A case of extraordinary wakefulness in this city has been recently brought to our notice. The subject is a person in good health, and of active and temperate habits, and yet, we understand from his own statement, he has not slept for a period of some four or five weeks; and what is not the least remarkable, he has pursued his daily avocations without any personal inconvenience or discomfort more than usual. The case is one worthy the attention of the doctors.—Bridgeport Farmer.

Quite a good joke, we suppose, "the laugh to come in," as the actors say, after the explanation.

The body of a man was found near Bridgeport, Ct., on Wednesday last. The deceased had apparently taken his own life by forcing his head into the mud.—Exchange.

We'll bet liquors against that. John Barley-corn did, certainly!

Col. Jefferson Davis has accepted an invitation tendered him by the two literary societies at the State University, Oxford, Mass., to deliver an address at the commencement on the 16th of July next.

Young Montesquieu, the insane Frenchman, concerned in the terrible tragedy at St. Louis, has been committing further violence since his return to France, and has been lodged in an insane asylum.

One of the best jokes of the season, is said to be a newspaper article "going the rounds," headed "the labor of Congress."

We invite the attention of the readers of the Telegraph to the advertisement of Dr. Rose's medicines. We understand that Dr. Rose is a regular graduate of medicine from the Philadelphia College, and honorary member of the Philadelphia Medical Society, and a practitioner of thirty years' experience in that city. These preparations are the result of that practice, and, with a book, called Dr. Rose's Medical Adviser, to persons in sickness and in health, can be had at our various respectable drug stores. The book is for gratuitous circulation, and describes the various diseases of our country and their mode of treatment. It is written in a comprehensive manner, and no family or person should be without a copy.

**The Greatest Wonder of the Age** is how NOAH WALKER & CO., Brown's Building, Pennsylvania Avenue, can sell so cheap! A friend of ours the other day got into a suit of clothes as any man need wear for twelve dollars! It is really astonishing how they do it! But it is so, as hundreds can testify. May 14—1t

**Gen. R. C. WEIGHTMAN** is announced as a candidate for Mayor at the coming election in June next by  
MANY VOTERS.  
ap 13—10\*

**SILAS H. HILL, esq.** is announced as a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election, and will be supported by  
THOUSANDS.  
ap 17—te

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**THE MAYORALTY.**  
JOHN W. MAURY is announced as a candidate for the Mayoralty at the ensuing election in June."

In making the above announcement, it is deemed proper to say that a large number of citizens of all parties, from the several wards of the city, addressed to Mr. Maury a few days ago a letter expressing their wish to present his name to the electors as a candidate for the Mayoralty at the ensuing election, independent of all questions connected with the politics of the day, and solely in consideration of his long and useful services in the Council, and of his fitness for the place.

To this communication the following reply has been received: "I have received your communication. Whatever might have been my personal wishes on the subject, it would have been difficult for me to resist the friendly call you have made upon me; but, agreeing as I do entirely with all that you have said as to the inexpediency of bringing national politics into our city elections, I most cheerfully place my name at your disposal as a candidate for the Mayoralty at the ensuing election."  
"JOHN W. MAURY."  
ap 24—te

**THE MAYORALTY.**  
The friends of other candidates for this office are already active in their behalf. I desire to present the name of the present incumbent, WALTER LEXOX, esq., for re-election. It is to be expected that personal preference will, to some extent, govern the choice of many, but, before any community generally, honest and disinterested in its decision, is not the proper question, "What is the public interest?" It must be admitted by every reflecting citizen that the sudden and unexplained change in the Mayoralty is not to the public interest. It takes away the personal motive and ambition which induce the faithful performance of duty, and leaves to the public the duty of official experience. If the present incumbent has discharged the duties of the office with ability and zeal, and can hereafter bring to it the advantage of practical experience, I trust that the people of Washington will not use the franchise to their own injury and the injustice of a public officer."

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Messrs. Editors: Please announce  
RICHARD H. LASKY, esq., as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen from the Second Ward at the ensuing election, in June.  
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Messrs. Editors: You will please announce  
BENEDICT M. MOORE as a candidate for the Board of Common Council from the Fourth Ward at the ensuing election, and will be supported by  
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